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**Re: In the Matter of Promoting Efficient Use of Spectrum Through Elimination of
Barriers to the Development of Secondary Markets
WT Docket No. 00-230
In the Matter of Automatic and Manual Roaming Obligations Pertaining to
Commercial Mobile Radio Services
WT Docket No. 00-193
Ex Parte Meeting**


Dear Ms. Salas:

On April 3, 2001, Sylvia Lesse and John Kuykendall of Kraskin, Lesse & Cosson, LLP, counsel to the Rural Cellular Association ("RCA"), met with Peter Tenhula of Chairman Michael Powell's office to discuss the referenced matters. The participants discussed RCA's position regarding the public interest necessity for the Commission to promote the efficient utilization of spectrum already allocated to rural areas through a variety of methods, including the adoption of leasing arrangements which encourage and protect significant investment in the infrastructure required to provide service to sparsely-populated areas. Noting its stated concern that leasing arrangements are insufficient to meet the requirements of consumers living in rural areas, RCA emphasized the importance of the Commission's giving careful consideration to RCA's fill-in proposal as a means to ensure that spectrum is utilized in rural areas where demand warrants.

Additionally, the participants discussed RCA's position regarding the public interest necessity in maintaining the manual roaming requirement and the concerns voiced by RCA regarding the potential for discriminatory treatment of the customers of smaller and rural carriers by larger carriers seeking to impose inappropriate terms upon smaller carriers seeking the implementation or extension of roaming arrangements.

Please contact me if there are any questions regarding this matter.

Sincerely yours,


John Kuykendall

cc: Peter Tenhula

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